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REF: A) STATE 23913; B) STATE 23914; C) STATE 8673; D)

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1. IN RESPONSE TO THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF B, WE
HAVE CONSULTED FIRST WITH THE GVN EMBASSY HERE AND THEN WITH
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TREATY AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT,
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. GVN EMBASSY COUNSELOR
NGUYEN QUANG MONG ADVISED AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE RTG
HAD GIVEN HIM CONCRETE ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD INSIST ON
THE USE OF RULE 32 (A TWO-THIRDS VOTE) ON ANY QUESTIONS
REGARDING AN INVITATION TO THE PRG. THE GVN EMBASSY HAD
NOT, HOWEVER, RECEIVED ANY RECENT INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING
SPECIFICALLY THE NEW PROPOSAL BY THE ALGERIANS (REFSA AND B).

2. WHEN WE DISCUSSED RFS A AND B WITH THE TREATY AND LEGAL
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DIRECTOR GENERAL, HE GRASPED IMMEDIATELY THAT THE ALGERIAN

RESOLUTION CONTAINED NOTHING NEW. HE SUMMONED AN MFA JUNIOR OFFICER WHO IS FLYING TO GENEVA TONIGHT (FEBRUARY 3), AND INSTRUCTED HIM IN METICULOUS DETAIL TO ADVISE THE LEADER OF THE RTG DELEGATION, PERM. REP. IN GENEVA AMBASSADOR WICHIAN WATTANAKHUN, TO INSIST ON THE USE OF RULE 32 AND A TWO-THIRDS VOTE. THE DG WAS ALSO FAMILIAR WITH THE AIDE MEMORIE WE WROTE BASED ON REF C (SEE REF D), AND APPEARED TO HAVE THE NUANCES OF THE WHOLE ISSUE WELL IN HAND.

3. COMMENT: WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE RTG WILL DO ITS PART TO FIGHT THE ALGERIANS' PARLIAMENTARY LEGERDEMAIN.
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